Tennant, Amiss, Lansdale, Drumm, Feaga, Loar, Stump, Jenkins, Fuss, Haines, Kain, Oursler, Gill, Pearre, Bennett, Harvey, Howard—68.

The Journal of the 18th was read and approved.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER PAPERS.

Mr. Collins, presented a petition of F. C. Goldsborough and 24 other citizens of Talbot county, opposing the disfranchisement of the negroes owning property, but favoring it for all others and especially those having book learning.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on

Constitutional Amendments.

Mr. Stump, presented a petition from the tax payers league of Allegany county against the restriction of suffrage.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on

Constitutional Amendments.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Carroll, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Andrew be excused from this week's session on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, it was Ordered, That Mr. Buckler be excused from to-day's session.

On motion of Mr. Lansdale, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Williams be excused on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Lock, it was

Ordered, That Messrs. Bald, Godwin, Henkel, Miller and Pairo be excused from to-day's session on account of important business.

On motion of Mr. Hall, it was

Ordered, That Messrs. Durham, Becker, Evans, Lipman, Bouchet, Morrison, Orem, Trager and Grant be excused from to-day's session on account of business.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, it was Ordered, That Messrs. Hearn and Messick be ex-